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RE: WC Docket No. 05-195, CC Docket No. 96-45, CC Docket No. 02-6, WC Docket No. 02-60, WC Docket No. 03-109, CC Docket No. 97-21 and/or FCC 05-124,

As a school district administrator in Auburn, Washington, one of my duties is to administer the e-rate program. This responsibility has provided me with a birds-eye view of the program since it's inception. We are a small, mostly blue collar, suburban district with 13600 students and a 57% discount rate. We receive about \$125,000 in e-rate reimbursements annually and spend about 3 million a year on technology from local property tax collections. To get to the point, between the offset of what we pay in Universal Access charges and the amount of time spent in applying for discounts and complying with the program rules, the benefit of the program is questionable for a district of our demographic profile. In addition, the evolving complexity of our existing system make the efficiency of distribution questionable. Albeit the program was essential at it's outset, and we are grateful for the help, I believe that for Auburn, it has outlived it's usefulness and should be eliminated or at a very minimum, dramatically simplified. Simply put, I believe we should make the e-rate program's value exceed it's cost or eliminate it entirely.

Thank you for your consideration,

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